

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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In re: Bilma M. Cruz

Case No.: 19-73231-ast
Chapter 13

Debtor(s).

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Bilma M. Cruz

Plaintiff(s),

Adv. Pro. No. 20-8115-ast

- against -

Citibank, N.A.

Defendant(s).

Counter-Claimant

Citibank, N.A.

V

Counter-Defendant

Bilma M. Cruz

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INITIAL SCHEDULING ORDER

The Court enters this Order in accordance with Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 16, as incorporated by Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 7016. It is hereby **ORDERED** as follows:

1. The parties are ordered to attend a conference (in person or by telephone) under Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 7026(f) on or before **May 14, 2021**. The parties shall discuss a Joint Discovery Control Plan (the “Discovery Plan”), which the parties are to file on or before **June 1, 2021**, and which shall provide the following:

- (A) whether any Rule 26 disclosures have been served;
- (B) whether any party intends to or has employed any expert witnesses;

- (C) the date by which all discovery shall be complete;
- (D) the amount of time each party requests to present all of their evidence and argument at trial, which shall include presenting its case in chief and any rebuttal case, and any opening and closing statements; and
- (E) a proposed trial date.

In the event the parties cannot agree on A through E, they shall so indicate in the Discovery Plan, and shall each state their positions under A through E. In the event any of the parties cannot state a response on any portion of A through E, they shall so indicate in the Discovery Plan, shall state their reason(s) therefore, and shall state when they will be able to state their response(s).

2. On or before **June 1, 2021**, each party is to file and serve a statement as to whether the party does or does not consent to entry of final orders or judgment by the bankruptcy court pursuant to Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure 7008(a), 7012(b); any failure to file this statement shall constitute the knowing and voluntary consent to entry of final orders or judgments by the bankruptcy court. *See Wellness Int'l Network, Ltd. v. Sharif*, 135 S. Ct. 1932, 1936, 191 L. Ed. 2d 911 (2015).


3. A pre-trial conference is scheduled for **June 15, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.** in Courtroom 960, United States Bankruptcy Court, Central Islip, New York. The Court may rule on any of the matters addressed herein or on any other timely filed and served motions, including dispositive motions, at or prior to the status conference.

4. Any failure to strictly comply with any of the provisions of this Order may result in the automatic entry of a dismissal, or a default, or other relief, as the circumstances may warrant, in accordance with Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 16, as incorporated by Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 7016.

5. The Clerk of the Court shall service this Order on all parties.

Dated: May 6, 2021
Central Islip, New York





Alan S. Trust
Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge